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Southeastern Noricum and adjoining SAVIA were officially transferred to the Lombards as an imperial gift. The strong contingents of Lombards in the army of NARSES played an important role in the destruction of the Ostrogoths; and it was a GEPID who dealt TOTILA the death blow.

Eventually the Lombards became the heirs of the Ostrogoths in Italy

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Belisarius reconquered Rome.

## Britain

Kingdom of Bernicia.

Founded by King IDA, with its center at the coastal fortress of BAMBRUGH in northeast England; with the kingdom of DEIRA, one of the first two Anglian kingdoms north of the Humber, spread over the lands between the FORTH, the SOLWAY, and the TEES; more powerful than DEIRA and by the 7th cen. united

with it to form the kingdom of Northumbria,

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It was probably in 547, a year after  
TOTILA had reached the height of his  
power, that his great-uncle THEUDIS  
ordered his men to cross the Straits  
of Gibraltar and attack the City of Septon  
and the small imperial province of  
FINGITANA

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The earliest Welsh historian  
GILDAS wrote his "De Excidio  
Britannie" before 547

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The emperor referred Totila and his negotiators to Belisarius, who had just recovered from a severe case of typhus.